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SUBJECT: CANADIAN TRADE MISSION VISITS MOROCCO

1. FOLLOWING UP ON FEBRUARY VISIT TO OTTAWA BY MINAG M'ZILY CANADIAN BUSINESSMEN DELEGATION LED BY DEPUTY COMMERCE MINISTER CHARLAND IS IN RABAT THIS WEEK TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDED TRADE AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.
2. M'ZILY VISIT TO OTTAWA, WHILE BASICALLY DIRECTED AT NEGOTIATING \$10 MILLION WHEAT PURCHASE DURING HEIGHT OF CONCERN OVER CONTINUING MOROCCAN DROUGHT, ALSO RESULTED IN AGREEMENT FOR MONTREAL TOUCHDOWN ON RECENTLY INAUGURATED ROYAL AIR MAROC CASABLANCA-NEW YORK ROUTE (SEE RABAT 1855), ENGAGED CANADA TO ASSIST WITH DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL NORMAL SCHOOLS AND TRAINING OF SCIENCE TEACHERS; AND EXTENDED MODEST CANADIAN COMMITMENT IN AREAS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURE, AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR CERTAIN EXTENSION WORKERS.
3. CURRENT DISCUSSIONS ARE FOCUSED ON POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING TRADE/COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. BUT CANADIAN EMBASSY CONTACTS INFORM US LOCAL PRESS HAS TYPICALLY EXAGGERATED OBJECTIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF VISIT. FOR MOST OF GROUP, THIS IS FIRST TIME IN MOROCCO. TRIP THUS AIMED PRIMARILY AT FAMILIARIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CONTACTS. INDIVIDUAL FOLLOW-UP WILL BE NECESSARY IF ANYTHING CONCRETE TO RESULT.

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RESULTS FROM TRIP OR SIGNIFICANT UPGRADING OF EXISTING
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